MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (d). During the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan, the National Thermal Power Corporation expect to commission an additional capacity of 2334 MW, as under:—

Sl. No.	Project	Project Cost (Rs. in crores)	Location	Additional Capacity (MW)
1.	Rihand Super Thermal Power Project	1033.00	Uttar Pardesh	500
2.	Korba Super Thermal Power Project	985.60	Madhya Pradesh	500
3.	Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project	911.57	Madhya Pradesh	210
4.	Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project	1381.41	Andhra Pradesh	500
5.	Auraiya Gas-based Project	371.67	Uttar Pradesh	448
6.	Anta Gas-based Project	265.03	Rajasthan	176

Targets for Power Generation

645. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for power has been increasing in every sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn up any plan to increase power generation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the Seventh Plan target set for power generation and what are the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c). It is tentatively proposed to create an additional generation capacity of around 38,000 MW during the Eighth Plan period. In addition, a renovation and modernisation programme of thermal stations is under various stages of implementation in order to increase their efficiency. A scheme for uprating and modernisation of hydro stations has also been drawn up for implementation.

(d) The target for the additional generation capacity in the Seventh Plan period is 22,245 MW which is likely to be fully achieved. A capacity of 14223.75 MW has been commissioned till January, 1989.

Clearance of Uttar Pradesh Petrochemical Unit

646. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since cleared the Uttar Pradesh Petrochemical Unit to be set up in Auriya; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of an expert group to study restructuring of State Electricity Boards

647. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government

have urged the States to set up an expert group to study restructuring of State Electricity Boards and examine the separation of electricity generation and distribution functions;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have agreed to set up such groups;

(c) if so, how much assistance will be provided by the Central Government to the State Governments for the said task;

(d) whether any changes will be made in the Central Electricity Act for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) In view of 'A' above question does not arise.

Implementation of Gas Based Power Projects

648. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the Conference of Power Minister of States in the capital it has been stressed to have more gas based power projects;

(b) whether the indigeneous production of gas based power projects is not sufficient to meet the requirement;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to import gas based power projects; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and other steps Government propose to take to have more gas based power projects.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Conference of the Power Ministers of the States held in January, 1989 at New Delhi recommended, *inter alia*, that greater emphasis may be placed on gas-based projects, which have a shorter gestation period, and that gas for power should be priced reasonably.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DPEA Liability against M/s. Glaxo Labs.

649. SHRI YALA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount shown by M/s. Glaxo Labs as DPEA liability upto June, 1988;

(b) what is the tax saved on this amount and how much is the interest accrued and enjoyed by the company on this amount;

(c) when was the High Court judgement received in this case and what is the reason for delay in recovery of the amount; and

(d) how much is the interest saved by M/s. Glaxo due to non-payment of the amount due so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d). As per direction of the Delhi High Court, M/s. Glindia Ltd. was given a hearing by a Committee and on its recommendation, the prices of bulk drugs have been notified on 2-1-1989. Prices of formulations (except ceiling prices) have also been fixed. The Ceiling prices will be notified shortly. The amounts recoverable from the company would be calculated after notifying the ceiling prices of formulations.